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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-5 and 9-10 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) A portable terminal unit comprising:

a case main body;

a lid portion foldable with respect to said case main body, wherein said lid portion is rotatably installed on said case main body;

a display provided on said lid portion; and

a picture taking device located on said case main body.

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--2. (Amended) The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said picture taking device is located on a rear face of a flat portion of said case main body.

--3. (Amended) The portable terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein said picture taking device is located on a side face of said case main body.

--4. (Amended) The portable terminal unit according to claim 1 further comprising:

an operating device for selecting a menu item by moving a cursor on a menu displayed on said display, wherein said menu item is selected by pressing the operating device, and wherein

a picture taking mode for taking a picture is selected by

operating said operating device and a picture is taken with said picture taking device by pressing said operating device.

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and

--5. (Amended) The portable terminal unit according to claim 4 further comprising an image encoding/decoding device for encoding a taken picture to generate an encoded image.

--9. (Amended) The portable terminal unit according to claim 8, wherein the image selected by operating said operating device is displayed on said display prior to transmission.

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--10. (Amended) The portable terminal unit according to claim 9, wherein the image selected by operating said operating device is read out from said memory as an encoded image encoded by said encoding/decoding device and a decoded image is displayed on said display after decoding said encoded image.
